Telephone Connection in U.P.

843. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA; Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for telephone connections pending in each district of U.P. since, 1989;

(b) what is the number of tele phone connection likely to be pro vided in each district during the cur rent year;

(e) what is the number of telephone connections sanctioned out of turn since 1989 by his Ministry; and

(d) what is the time schedule fixed to take .action *on* the remaining applications pending for telephone con-aections?

THE MINISTER OP STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) Information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) As per Eighth Plan objectives the waiting period for telephone connections will be contained to two years in large telephone system and telephones will be provided practically on demand in rural and tribal areas. Expansion plans for Uttar Pradesh are being made accordingly.

Post and Telegraph Office in Faridabad

846. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no post or telegraph office in or near about Sector 29, Housing Board Colony of HUDA in Faridabad;

(b) whether the residents have to go to Old Faridabad Sub-Post Office to buy postage articles;

(c) whether for sending telegr am, they have to travel a distance of more than three Knot,; and

(d) if answer to (a), (b) and (c) above are in the positive, whlat action Government propose to remove the difficulties of the residents and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a), (b) and (d)

Post *Offices;*
Yes, Sir.

Though a Departmental Sub Poet Office has been sanctioned on 10-4-93 it could not be opened so far due to non-availability of a suitable building on rent in spite of best effort made to secure a rented building for housing the Sub Post Office on its opening. Still all out efforts are being made to find out a suitable building for the Sub Post Office at Sector 29, Faridabad.

Telegraph Office: (a)

Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. For sending.telegram*, the residents of Sector 29 Housing Board Colony of HUDA in Faridabad can go to Railway Road Post and Telegraph Office, within 3 Kms. of Sec. tor 29.

(d) Does not arise.

Telephone facility in Gram Panchayats of Assam

847. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJ-UMDAR: Will the Minister of COM MUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to provide telephone to gram Panchayats in Assam;

(b) if so, the number of telephones provided to gram Panchayats in Assam during the year 1992-93 district wise; and

(c) what is the number of gram panchayat such facilities are proposed to be provided during the year 1993-94, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) S55 Panchayat Villages in Assam have been covered with telephone facility during the year 1992-93. District-wise details are shown in the Statement. *(See* below).

620 Panchayat Villages in Assam . proposed to be provided with Telephone facility during the year 1993-94. District-wise details are shown in the Statement. *(See* below).

Statement

District-wise details of panehayat villages in Anant provided/proposed with telephone Facility

Sl. No.	Districts	No. of Panchayat Villages provided with telephone facility during 1992-93	No. of Panchayat Villages proposed for Telephone facility during 1993-94
1		3	4
1.	Dibrugarh .	22	14
2.	Tinsukia .	16	16
3.	Sibsagar .	22	25
4.	Golaghat .	23	25
5.	Jorhat	27	40
6.	Nagaon .	101	70
7.	Marigaon .	5	20
8.	North Lakhimpur	4	10
9.	Dhemaji .	5	15
10.	Sonitpur .	48	40
11.	Darrang .	24	50
12.	Goalpara .	9	20
13.	Kokrajhar .	17	50
14.	Nalbari .	16	50
15.	Dhubri .	23	55
16.	Barpeta .	18	20
17.	Bongaigaon .	6	10
18.	Cachar .	73	20
19.	Karimganj .	20	15
20.	Hailakandi	8	15
21.	Kamrup	68	40
	TOTAL :	555	620

Deposits charged by MTNL for sew Telephone connections

848. SHRI PASUMPON THAKIRUTTINAN:

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a de posit equal to a year's rental is being charged from those who are issued new telephone connections by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited in Delhi and Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the terms of this deposit indicating the rale of in terest allowed in the deposit and the period for which it is retained by the Nigam;